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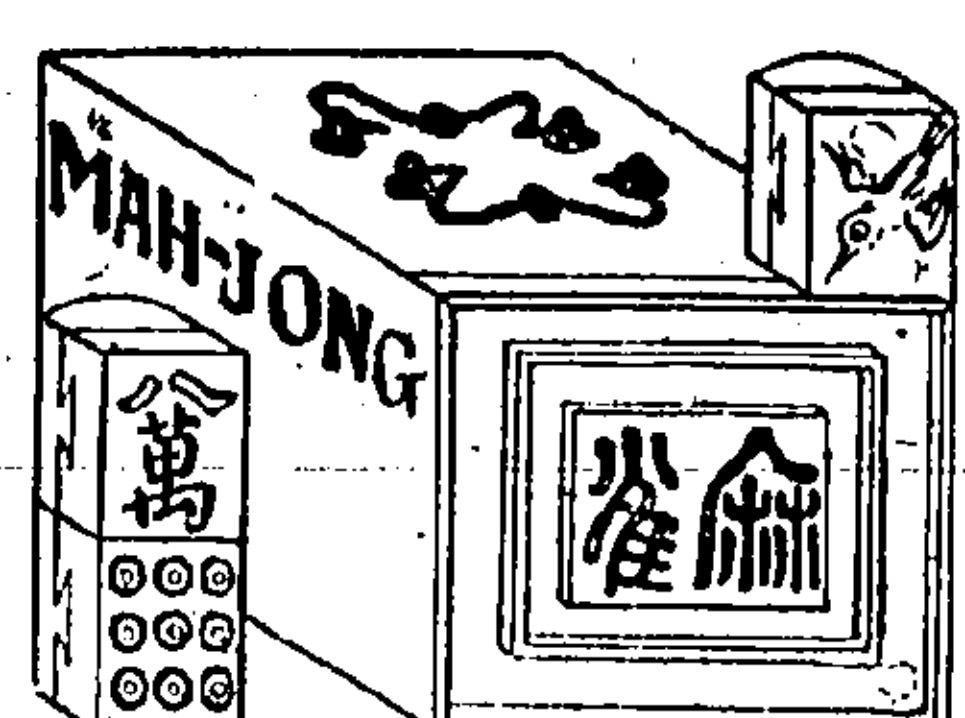
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SEPARATE REPLY UNLIKELY.
AVOIDING FURTHER BITTERNESS.
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, August 9.
A full meeting of the Cabinet was held at No. 10 Downing Street to-day. One or two further meetings are necessary before a reply to the recent French note is finally approved.
Authoritative quarters in London welcome Herr Cuno's statement that Germany has nothing to expect from Britain as disposing of the idea that Britain is desirous of taking sides on the question of the occupation of the Ruhr.

CHALLENGE.
PARIS, August 9.
The newspapers consider Herr Cuno's speech a challenge to France and Belgium, while also testifying the embarrassment of the German Cabinet, thus justifying French and Belgian determination.

WAITING.
LONDON, August 9.
It is authoritatively affirmed that it is not the Government's immediate intention to reply separately to Germany owing to a desire to avoid anything calculated to embitter relations with France. Ministers are still aiming at rapprochement with a view to a joint Allied answer to Germany. There are no indications that Britain will make a fresh move for several weeks, apart from replying to the Allies.

It is understood that the Government is still not prepared to advise Germany to abandon passive resistance unconditionally as that would be equivalent to interfering in a dispute in which Britain has not taken sides.

CABINET AGREES.
LATER.
It is learned authoritatively that the Cabinet was in full agreement regarding the nature of the reply to France and Belgium which is being despatched very shortly.

MARK TROUBLES.
BERLIN, August 9.
All the shops except the provision stores have closed as a protest against the refusal of the authorities to allow prices to be fixed on a gold basis.

LONDON, August 9.
Marks are nominally between 19,000,000 and 21,000,000. Belgian francs have relapsed to 105.50. French francs are 80.50.

FROM FAR EAST.
FRENCH BANK COMPLAINTS.
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION.

PARIS, August 9.
The examining magistrate is still enquiring into the management of various companies, offshoots of the Banque Industrielle de Chine. He is also awaiting the report of three expert accountants who are endeavouring to ascertain under what conditions M. Philippe Berthelot received three million francs from his brother.
Complaints are still coming in from clients of the bank in the Far East. Each complaint is being investigated by a specially appointed commission in the country inhabited by the complainant.

HEAT WAVES.
WASHINGTON'S HOTTEST EXPERIENCE.
FUNERAL VICTIMS.

WASHINGTON, August 9.
Over 100 persons were prostrated with heat during the late President Harding's obsequies. They were medically attended to. The day was one of the hottest ever experienced in the capital.
FRENCH RECORD.
PARIS, August 9.
To-day it was 111.0 at Toulouse, the highest shade temperature ever registered in France.

CHINA'S DISORDER.
SUGGESTED NAVAL DEMONSTRATION.
FRANCE GETTING READY.

PARIS, August 10.
While no final decision has yet been taken by the Government on the question of a naval demonstration in Chinese waters in view of the situation in China, the Minister of Marine has taken the necessary steps to prepare for such an eventuality.

REJECTED.
PARIS, August 9.
The Court of Cassation has rejected the appeal of the Krupp directors against their sentences.
[Herr Krupp von Bohlen, head of Krupp, was sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment and fined 100,000,000 marks. The other directors, charged with him in connection with the outrage at Essen were sentenced to terms of imprisonment varying from ten to twenty years, and each was fined 100,000,000 marks.]

LAST HOME COMING.
PRESIDENT HARDING'S FUNERAL.
IMPRESSIVE TRIBUTES.
NATIVE TOWN MOURNS GREATEST SON.
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

On board the late President Harding's funeral train, August 9.

The scenes witnessed between San Francisco and Washington were repeated throughout the night as the train conveying President Harding's remains went westward to Marion. Thousands lined the railway, despite the heavy rainfall, to pay homage to the late President. Silence reigned everywhere except where bells were tolling in towns during the passage of the train.

BOYHOOD HOME.
MARION, OHIO, August 9.
The tolling of the court house bell marked the arrival of the Harding train within the limit of Marion County. It travelled slowly through long lines of spectators and stopped for two minutes in the neighbouring town of Caledonia, boyhood home of Mr. Harding.

The train arrived at Marion shortly after noon. MARION CROWDED.

LATER.
The town was crowded as it has never been before in its history. It is estimated that 100,000 people are here to witness the funeral. Citizens with one accord have thrown open their homes to the extent of their capacity, but thousands of visitors will be obliged to camp out all night long.

Mrs. Harding, calm and composed, was one of the last to leave the train. She entered a motor car and followed the procession to the home of her husband's father.

MARION, OHIO, August 10.
All the afternoon and evening crowds of mourners, including many personal friends and acquaintances, passed through the house to view the remains of the late Mr. Harding.

WASHINGTON FORMALITIES.
WASHINGTON, August 9.
Leading officials of the British and other Embassies called on Mr. Coolidge the new President and formally renewed the relations broken by the death of Mr. Harding.

WASHINGTON, August 10.
Mr. Harvey, America's London Ambassador, had an hour's conference with Mr. Coolidge. Subsequently he stated that Mr. Harding's proposal for United States participation in the permanent Court of International Justice had been discussed. Mr. Harvey added that he proposed to return to London early in September.

TRADE UNION PACT.
CO-OPERATIVE ACTION AGREEMENT.
TRANSPORT WORKERS COMBINE.

LONDON, August 9.
The officials of the Transport Workers' Union and the National Union of Railwaymen have concluded an agreement for co-operative action to defend their interests as a counter move to the unified front of the employers embodied in the Federation of British Industries manifesto.

The London committees of the unions say the object of the agreement is to free the transport industry from the menace of non-unionism. A system will be inaugurated whereby men coming to railway premises or railwaymen going to warehouses and docks will be challenged as regards trade union membership.

BUMPER HARVEST.
CANADA NEEDS LABOUR.
WORKERS FROM BRITAIN.

LONDON, August 9.
Responding to an appeal by the Canadian Government, several thousand miners, shipyard workers, farm labourers and men of all trades and professions are sailing during the week-end to help harvest Canada's bumper crop. Forty thousand workers outside Canada altogether are required.

INDIAN UNREST.
NATIONAL FLAG AGITATION.
HEATED COUNCIL DEBATE.

NAGPUR, August 10.
Following a heated debate on questions arising out of the Government's policy to combat the flag agitation, the Legislative Council passed a resolution by 31 to 27 votes asking for the unconditional release of the imprisoned Congress volunteers and the withdrawal of pending prosecutions.

SECRET SERVICE AGENTS.
CONSTANTINOPLE, August 9.
A message from Ankara states that the generals commanding the first and second armies have been placed on the retired list.
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STAMPING OUT HONGKONG'S ARMS EVIL.

Discussing the crime evil in his native land, an eminent English judge recently observed that he felt it was true the great deterrent was not the punishment itself—to many criminals it was the sense of shame. He believed that the publicity of the dock was the serious punishment. This view may hold good for the Homeland where apart from the hardened minority most people still have a wholesome horror for the felon's stand, but it certainly does not hold good for Hongkong where lawbreakers are usually much more concerned with their possible fate than with their damaged honour. Moreover the Colony's crime problem has special local aspects which do not obtain in the Homeland. Here we are only eighty miles from one of China's very biggest storm centres. Here we have thousands of people passing and repassing between the island and the turbulent mainland. Nor is this all. Ships are arriving every day from ports where arms can easily be smuggled aboard. What simpler than for a sailor to slip a revolver into his pocket and bring it ashore? Clearly the problem facing our police is thorny indeed. Wholesale searching they cannot attempt, for the task is beyond human capacity. They cannot even rely on the community for the help which their flame colleagues get without question. With its great Oriental population, Hongkong lacks that civic spirit which is the strongest weapon against crime. Most people here are residents but not citizens. They fail to realise that they have a duty to assist the police. Seriously handicapped by the "no-hang-my-pidgin" spirit among the populace, our police cannot hope by their own unaided efforts to ensure that quick retributive justice which is the surest way to reduce crime. Accord-

ingly the Colony's only hope lies in the law's deterrents. Urging this same old point some nine months ago, the *China Mail* drew the moral from the Colony's history. Crime has ever been one of the toughest problems here. Over fifty years ago it was very acute—so acute, indeed, that the police found it necessary to introduce a system of branding and deporting criminals, flogging them if they returned. This drastic system evidently proved very effective, for the Colony was able to abolish it five years later. Less than twelve months, however, once more found crime very grave, and the system was again introduced. This time it lasted four years. It might have lasted longer but for the changes made by a new governor who stopped public flogging and branding, restricted the deportation of criminals, and advocated the lenient treatment of first offenders. What was the result? Twelve months later crime was worse than ever. Not only had it become necessary to resume the system of deporting criminals, but it had also become necessary to have two thirds of the police force always on night duty. That was in 1870. Three years later the Legislative Council empowered the Governor in Council to banish aliens for five years. Since then almost every year has seen further legislation introduced to combat crime, with the result that to-day the Colony has very strong and complete law for dealing with criminals. Furthermore, our police force has increased in efficiency until, in the Colonial Secretary's words, it is second to none in this quality. Yet arms crimes are still rife, and it is not five days since a detective was shot dead in the city's main street. Severe deterrent being the only remedy, what is the inference? Obviously that the law is not yet strong enough, that evildoers still consider the game worth the candle. And what is the remedy? Plain enough. Increase the deterrent until it is effective. This view the Government now shares, witness its announcement yesterday. When the Legislative Council meets again

a bill will be introduced considerably increasing the penalties for the unlawful possession of arms. Under this new law, instead of being heard in the Lower Courts, all cases will come before a Supreme Court judge who will have power to impose ten years' jail with hard labour and a flogging. When this bill becomes law it will be enforced "with the utmost rigour." With his revolver—or his dagger even—possibly costing him ten years' jail and a dreaded prospect—a flogging also, the Hongkong criminal will perhaps revise his views about wantonly breaking the law. Accordingly the new law should bring immediate benefit. However, it will not have fullest effect until it becomes known among those whom it is primarily designed to deal with. Travellers arriving from overseas will doubtless take warning from notices posted on board. These notices should also give pause to sailors who may have been tempted to bring arms here, for the Colonial Secretary's letter makes it clear that Europeans are alike liable with Orientals for the increased penalties. There still remains the Colony's existing criminal class and the desperate characters always ready to come here from the Canton storm-centre when they have obtained arms from lawless soldier bands. Hongkong's underworld may have its own secret news system or its select members may all read the papers. We cannot say. Least any doubt exist, however, that yesterday's news should not strike home, we would now repeat the suggestion we made last January that the authorities might well take steps for a little healthy propaganda. Several thousand leaflets or posters would meet the case, and the small expense outlaid might prove a very sound investment indeed, for it is obvious that the sharpest deterrent must lose much of its force unless it becomes known among those for whom it is intended to act as a warning.

Ningpo Trade.

Floods and famine, last autumn, are held responsible for a poor year's trade at Ningpo we learn from the annual report of Mr. F. W. Carey, Commissioner of Customs. Severe typhoons, which followed in quick succession, devastated the whole of the eastern section of Chekiang Province, the consequent floods utterly ruining the rice crop, which had promised to prove a bumper one. The rich rice plains of Hwangyen and Wenling are usually referred to as the "granary of Chekiang" and it was peculiarly unfortunate that these places should have been struck by typhoons just when the second crop was ready for harvesting. Not only fifth of the crop was eventually garnered, but fortunately generous help was forthcoming in time. The total revenue collected was HK. \$11,623, which is HK. \$13,738 less than in 1921—a satisfactory result under the circumstances. The gross value of the trade passing through the Native Customs at Ningpo was HK. \$11,149,089, as compared with HK. \$12,685,985 the previous year. Ningpo appears to have been one of the few ports that benefited through the civil strife, for we read that several northern junka, bound for Foochow, with cargoes of beans and bean cake were diverted to Ningpo owing to the political disturbances at Foochow. Under the heading "miscellaneous" we note that a good deal of capital is being laid out in reclamation work at Haimen, the port of Tachow, about half-way between Ningpo and Wenzhou, the idea being to develop it into a trade mart with treaty port status. A few years ago Haimen was a small village. To-day three fair-sized steamers ply regularly between Ningpo and Haimen, and two between that place and Shanghai. The new port possesses a telegraph station, and an electric-light plant, run on liquid fuel and with a capacity of 2,600 lamps. During the year the Asiatic Petroleum Company completed the erection at their Ningpo installation of a new tank, with a capacity of 2,000 tons, which will eventually be used for the storage of oil imported direct, and not as at present via Shanghai. This is regarded by some as a sign that Ningpo may—in the not too distant future—share some of the crumbs that fall from the table of its rich neighbour and develop into a manufacturing centre of considerable importance. Labour troubles have already begun to increase the cost of production at Shanghai, and the continued centralisation there of industrial undertakings of every description is not likely to minimise the evil. Sooner or later, therefore, it is to be expected that capital will seek new fields, and Ningpo pos-

sesses the advantages of easy access and a plentiful supply of cheap labour, which should commend it to those in search of a fresh base for industrial operations.

Stern Measures.

The cold-blooded murder of a Chinese detective outside Ullmann's store last Tuesday, has again focussed public attention on the apparent ease with which Chinese desperadoes can obtain arms in the Colony. The police, as reports of cases before the Court amply testify, are ever on the alert and seldom a week passes but they make a haul. In many cases, however, it is felt that the guilty parties do not get their deserts when sentenced. In a recent case, the Chief of Police made a strong plea that a man, eventually convicted and sentenced by the Magistrate to six months' imprisonment, should be sent for trial at the new dock, but his plea fell on deaf ears. If gun-running is to be checked, to any appreciable extent, it is evident that prospective gun-runners should realize that conviction will entail something besides six months' incarceration. It is true, we understand, that with two magistrates on the bench at the Magistrate's, a sentence of two years can be imposed. How often does one hear of two magistrates adjudicating? We cannot call to mind a single instance in the past year, during which gun-running has been far too frequent to be pleasant. Officials in high quarters, we are aware, are most anxious to devise some means whereby the fear of punishment may act as a deterrent especially to the white gun-runner. Sentences of six months' imprisonment are not likely to deter men of such kidney. In the case of deleterious drugs, the captain or owners of a ship can be mulcted. We would suggest that similar action be taken in the case of ships on which arms are found. We fully realize that such steps would raise an outcry among shipping men, but it might entail a little more care being taken at the ports at which arms are smuggled aboard. While fully endorsing the Government's attitude to interfere as little as possible with the freedom of ships' officers and the movements of bona fide travellers, more drastic measures are necessary if our police force is to be given a fair chance to put an end to gun-running. Heavier sentences should be the first step insisted upon.

To-day's Poems.

(In Dorsetshire.)
We do not, though we mid be
honestly
Be not ashamed to own our pleasure
An' we've some women not uncommonly
Nor ashamed to show their faces;
We've a maid or two wot's shown
We've an ox or two wot's shown
in the village,
At the tillage,
Come along an' you shall vind
That Dorset men don't shew their
kind.

The primrose in the shade: do
blow.
This cowslip in the sun,
The thyme upon the down do grow,
The clove where streams do run;
An' where do pretty maidens grow
An' blow, but where the tow?
Do rise among the broken tufts,
In Blackmore by the Stour.

—WILLIAM BARNES.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

August 10.—Coronet Theatre; Bryant Washburn in "The Road to London" and Sunshine Sammy in "Saturday Morning."
August 10.—World Theatre; The New Leather Fishers, Round 10, and Mary Miles Minter in "Tillie."
August 10.—Star Theatre; "Bob Hampton of Placer."
August 11.—"Star" Theatre; Grand Vaudeville Entertainment 9.15 p.m.

SPORTS.
August 16.—Royal Hongkong Golf Club Ladies' Medal Competition.
August 19.—Royal Hongkong Golf Club Competition, Happy Valley Course.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
August 10.—Lammet Bros., at their Sales Rooms, a valuable collection of postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.
August 11.—Lammet Bros., at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, 11 a.m., a quantity of miscellaneous goods including 12 kegs Indigo paste, 8 White Mountain freezers, 36 electric table-fans and 6 voltaite sets.
August 13.—At F.W.D. Offices, one lot of Crown land at Shaikwan, 3 p.m.

MEETING.
December 12.—Meeting of Unsecured Creditors of the Hongkong Branch of the Banque Industrielle de Chine, at the City Hall, 3 p.m.
August 20.—General meeting of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society at St. John's Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The *Daily Bulletin* learns that Admiral Tu Hsi-kwei has again appealed to the Peking Government for funds for the Shanghai naval forces.

A mule belonging to the Army Service Corps kicked a Chinese coolie in the head at Queen's Road East yesterday. The coolie was taken to hospital.

Yesterday another wounded Chinese soldier made his way here from Waichow, which is being attacked by Sun Yat-sen's troops. He had a bullet wound in his thigh.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending July 28, 1923, amounted to 94,798 tons and the sales during the period to 75,041 tons.

"Bob Hampton of Placer," the fine film showing General Custer's famous stand against the Redskins in '76, is the attraction at the Star. Wesley Barry takes the leading role in this picture.

The returns of the Medical Officer of Health, for the twenty-four hours ending August 8, read as follows: small-pox, diphtheria, meningitis one case each, enteric two. In each case the patient is Chinese.

A.U.S. naval radio message from New York, states that Jack Dempsey and Luis Firpo, who recently defeated Jess Willard, will fight a 15-round contest there on September 14. The statement is attributed to Tex Rickard.

The level of the West River is now very high, making navigation of the rapids tricky owing to the strong current. At Wuchow the water is 61 feet, the highest this year and at Samshui it is 23.8 against the record of 27.6.

Mr. Morgan Palmer has issued a statement that, owing to the exhaustion of funds, the American Red Cross Russian refugee relief work in China must terminate in the near future, says a Peking message to the *Daily Bulletin*.

Considerable talk to the effect that opium-smoking would be legalised by the military prevailed in Swatow at the end of the year, and "this shameful traffic," predicts the local Commissioner of Customs in his trade report for 1922, "will probably be in full swing before this report is published."

The Admiral Line has issued an attractively printed booklet called "Ma-Chiang as played aboard Admiral Oriental Line Steamships." The booklet contains illustrated examples and should prove a boon to those who desire to master the intricacies of the game.

The lace and drawn work trade for which Swatow has long been famous is making great strides, according to the trade report for 1922 just issued by the Swatow Commissioner of Customs. The value of the trade increased from HK. \$15,350,000 in 1921 to HK. \$16,060,000 in 1922 and the product is rapidly growing in favour in the United States.

After breaking open the door of a matchbox at Yaumatei about 9.30 last night, four robbers fired one round each into the air to intimidate the occupants, a farmer and five girls. The latter managed to run away, some making their way to Kowloon City whilst the others made a report at Yaumatei police station. Officers were at once sent out to the spot where it was found that the robbers had left without stealing anything.

The battle cruiser "Renown" paid off at Portsmouth on July 19, and will undergo extensive reconstruction, at an estimated cost of over £500,000. The "Renown" carried the Prince of Wales on his tour of India, Malaya and the Far East. Special provision was made in the Washington Treaty for the rebuilding of this ship in a similar manner to her sister, the "Repulse." They were two of the "hush-hush" ships and were very thinly armoured in order to reduce their draft to a minimum and enable them to operate in shoal waters, being designed to take part in operations in the Baltic projected by Lord Fisher.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. E. L. Terry, has been appointed hon. secretary and treasurer of the Hongkong Radio Society during the absence of Mr. D. Tolan from the Colony.

A Reuter message from The Hague states that the former Minister, M. Collin, will be shortly appointed Minister of Finance in succession to M. Degeer who has resigned in opposition to the new navy Bill.

Col. G. W. Davy, Mr. J. R. Johnston, Mr. L. Forster, Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. D. Templeton and Mr. and Mrs. B. Wylie, were passengers on the "Empress of Russia," which left yesterday.

APATHY?

THE STATUS QUO OF THE STADIUM.

SPORTSMEN AWAKE!

Are the sportsmen of Hongkong going to let the Stadium idea die a natural death or will they raise it out of its present state of lethargy and demand that some definite conclusion be obtained? Sink or swim whatever it may be, anyway let us get over the suspense. Those of us who think the Stadium a feasible proposition should at least go down fighting if public opinion is not strong enough to "put it over."

According to the *China Mail* of July 28th, the following Associations and Clubs have expressed their desire that a stadium be built: The Hong Kong Football Association, H. K. Football Club, The Boxing Association, The Victoria Recreation Club, the Chinese Recreation Club, the South China Athletic Association, the Lusitano Recreation Club, and the six Baseball Clubs. Since the Stadium will not interfere with the various Bowls Clubs or the Polo Grounds, where is the opposition?

Is such club waiting to "let George do it" and then when it is accomplished expect to reap its benefits? Why do not the Executive Committees of all the above organisations get together and decide on a course of action. Silence or an occasional correspondence letter will never get anywhere with a big proposition like this.

Let us say for a stadium seating 15,000 to 20,000 people that it would mean a \$250,000 outlay. It stands for reason that the organisations in favour of this proposition cannot undertake this expenditure by themselves. The question is, is it their task when this stadium is meant for the good of the Colony? No doubt there are many wealthy men in the Colony who would gladly subscribe several thousands toward it but I don't believe the sum could be raised by subscription. We do not want a few clubs to have the task of putting up the stadium nor do we want them to share all its benefits. We want a Stadium for the Colony! One that will be under Government control, for the use of all clubs large or small, something of real value to the interests of Sport in the Colony.

In other words, why doesn't the Government supply the funds to make this stadium a reality? So far the Government has not sided in either way and before the matter is dispensed with we ought to know what the Government would do. It would take a number of years to pay off the principal, with the receipts but surely the Government can stand the loss of interest in an investment in human welfare. The Government, with all its facilities for construction both natural and mechanical, could do this much better than any other party. The Committee with whom this matter is left should do something now. It is hard to resuscitate a drowned person and once this proposition is drowned to public interest, resuscitation is doubtful. The majority of Clubs are in favour of a stadium and public opinion is not against it but why isn't there progress?

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BILLIARDS.

OSMUND AT KOWLOON.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the Kowloon Naval Canteen last Wednesday night when an exhibition match of 600 up was played between Mr. Osmund, Champion of Hongkong, and Mr. Spry of Kowloon, in which Mr. Osmund conceded 200 to Mr. Spry. The game was played to the great amusement of a large audience. Several breaks of over 30 were made, Mr. Osmund defeating Mr. Spry by 71.
At the conclusion of the game several songs, recitations, etc. were given by those present. Mr. Hake, ably presiding at the Piano. Mr. Osmund arranged to play Mr. Green of the Royal Navy on the same table on Tuesday next, August 14, at 6 p.m. when another very interesting and instructive game is anticipated.

CHINESE JOSS.

A tourist thought a quip he'd toss
Ask how the dead behave!
"Oh, hello Chink, what thing this joss,
Samsah before the grave?
When do the spirits drink their wine?
Oh, what the festive hours?"
Friend John replied: "Oh, velly fine.
All same you smelly flowers!"
JOHN KYOTO.
1923.

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NEW HONGKONG LAND COMPANY.

HOUSING QUESTION TO BE SOLVED.

HELPING PERSONS WITH LIMITED MEANS.

The *China Mail* in its issue of the 2nd inst., was able to announce exclusively the proposed formation of a new land development company with a capital of \$10,000,000 which would attack the housing problem question in no uncertain way and help relieve the congestion which exists. Mr. Fred. Ellis, the permanent managing-director and general manager of the proposed Company, was good enough to give an interview this morning to one of our representatives, when the work which the company hoped to accomplish was discussed and much light thrown on the aims and objects of the company. Associated with Mr. Ellis in the capacity of Directors, are Dr. J. C. Allan, Messrs. H. A. Cartwright, Rev. Father Robert, C. E. H. Beavis, Hon. Mr. Chau Siu-ki, and Messrs. Chan Sun-fung, Leung Yau-yu, Li Wing-kuong, Li Yau-tsun, and Wong Pak-sun. The title of the Company as at present proposed is The Hongkong Development Building and Savings Society, Ltd., and the objects of the Society among others, are:—

To acquire, buy, sell and develop landed property.
To act as contractors and engineers for the construction of buildings, etc.
To establish factories for the manufacture of building materials, etc.
To act as financiers for the execution of ordinary mortgages, on property under the tontine system.
To assist people of limited means by advancing money for the purpose of buying and developing land for the erection of dwelling houses, etc.
To conduct a savings department.
To provide facilities for transportation.

It will be seen from this that a definite and whole-hearted attempt is to be made to tackle a question which has been well-nigh insoluble and to put the Colony's housing on a just and equitable basis. The capital of the Company is to be in the sum of \$10,000,000 and Mr. Ellis is confident that when the time comes to put the scheme before the public, this sum will be oversubscribed. The shares are to be \$10 each, payable \$1 on application and the balance in calls of \$1 each, there being not less than three months between each call. The second call may probably not be made for six months or so, as it will naturally take a little time to get things going, sites prepared, etc. This scheme enables the small investor to participate and to have a real and live interest in the concern. The Company is not concerned in meeting the housing difficulty of one section of the community only. They are out to tackle the question in all its bearings and to come to the aid of each section of the community, Chinese included. Whilst the Company hopes to build and sell its houses on equitable terms, that is not necessarily its main concern. It will act as Landlords and invest some of its money in property which they will let. Neither will it confine its operations to Hongkong and Kowloon, but is willing to go further afield and to endeavour to meet any known want that may exist. The Company lays stress on its savings side, and to inculcate the habit of thrift in all sections of the populace. Thus in simple fashion those who are able and willing to put away small sums, will in the shortest possible space of time be enabled to take part in the Company's operations and to secure their own dwelling houses. Sites have already been selected and applied for on the Hongkong and Kowloon sides and advantage will be taken of the scheme outlined by the Colonial Secretary in the Council Chamber recently, whilst it is also hoped to acquire extensive areas for development upon terms similar to those conceded in the case of Kowloon Tong, Homantin, Shekko, etc. Not only this, but the Company will probably be prepared to entertain, and if thought advisable take up any other scheme or schemes which may be proposed by the Government for the acquisition of land for building and development, all aiming at decent housing conditions. Wrapped up in the scheme will be the attempt to assist social questions in such matters as an Industrial Home, of which Mr. Mr. Fred. Ellis is a pioneer. The scheme of the Company is to help those who are willing to help themselves and of a just, fair, reasonable and equitable basis. The list of those who have given who will serve as Directors bears this out and the experiment will be watched with keen interest. If optimism with enthusiasm go for anything success will only be a matter of time.

DAVIS CUP TENNIS.

FINAL STAGES OPEN.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

CHICAGO, August 10.

Playing the opening match for the Davis Cup final in the American zone, Shimidzu (Japan) defeated Hawkes (Australia) 6-4, 3-6, 2-6, 6-1, 6-4.

SHIMIDZU'S VICTORY.

LATER.

Anderson (Australia) beat Fukuda (Japan) 6-1, 3-6, 6-2, 6-1. Shimidzu was victorious owing to his greater steadiness and experience, though Hawkes was very spectacular. The latter began to tire in the fourth set, which the Japanese won easily.

DURING DINNER.

WUCHOW GENERAL SEIZED.

SUN YAT-SEN FORCES TAKE CITY.

WUCHOW, Wednesday. Wuchow has now been occupied by the Sun Yat-sen forces. The city fell into their hands some little time ago but they did not then take possession, remaining encamped outside. The Kwangsi general, Fung Bo Chau, was left in control of the city with 1,000 men. On Tuesday night Fung was invited to have dinner with the Kwangtung General on the (official) houseboat. About 3 a.m. on Wednesday, while dinner was still in progress, Fung was suddenly seized. He was taken aboard a Northern cruiser in Sun Yat-sen's pay and was conveyed to Canton. The troops in Wuchow were rushed and disarmed. Over 1,000 stands of arms and two field guns are said to have been taken, together with all the ammunition in the city. This is a direct breach of the treaty made when the city was first taken, for it was then agreed that the city should be left in Kwangsi hands. Popular feeling in Wuchow is running very high and trouble is feared.

PEKING CABINET.

TERM EXPIRES NEXT MONTH.

PEKING, August 9. In political circles it is pointed out that, according to the Constitution, the governing Cabinet's term expires on September 1. If the President is not elected before that date, Parliament must approve the prolongation of the governing Cabinet.—Courtesy Daily Bulletin.

TYPHOONS ABOUT.

ANOTHER WET WEEK-END PREDICTED.

Indications are that we are in for another wet week-end, though it is predicted that the full force of the typhoon will pass us by. At 9.02 this morning the Royal Observatory issued a warning, that a typhoon or depression of unknown intensity was within 120 miles of latitude 23 N. and longitude 123 E. and was moving W.N.W. At 3 p.m. yesterday, the American Consulate-General received a cable from the Manila Observatory, which gave warning of a typhoon in a northerly direction. At 8.45 this morning a message from Manila stated there was a cyclone or typhoon to the east of Southern Formosa, which was moving W.N.W. or N.W.

STEAMER THEFTS.

WEST JESSUP'S SAFE ROBBED.

Captain Robert Wilson, of s.s. "West Jessup," on arrival here yesterday reported to the police that \$50 U.S. Currency in new bank-notes had been stolen from the ship's safe, the theft being discovered on the day the vessel left Shanghai. The chief officer also lost \$360 and 40 yen from his cabin. It is surmised that the theft must have been committed while the ship was working cargo in Shanghai.

O. K.

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL TOUR.

Mr. C. F. Yuen, Secretary of the South China Athletic Association, courteously informed the China Mail this morning that the S.C.A.A. football team reached Sydney on August 6. They had all arrived in good health and had no trouble with some customs formalities to undergo, the examination being similar to that in the case of all other passengers.

MINTING IN AMOY.

WARNED OFF BY BRITISH CONSUL.

HONGKONG MAN'S JOB.

That he was engaged to erect a mint at Amoy which subsequently proved to be an illegal enterprise and to take charge of the Amoy docks was the story told by a European named E. T. Arnold, of Armand Buildings, Kowloon, who brought an action in the Summary Court this morning to recover a sum of \$335.54, balance of salary due, from Lo Yan-san, 43, Des Vaux Road.

The action was undefended and in support of his claim the plaintiff told the Justice (Mr. Justice Gompertz) that he was engaged by the defendant in Hongkong on May 20 to erect some mint machinery at Amoy and also to take charge of the Amoy docks. About a week after his arrival in Amoy he called on the British Consul to pay his respects and to have himself registered. The Consul said to him: "If you have anything to do with the mint it will be my painful duty to hand you over for arrest," explaining that the defendant had no right to coin money. Witness thanked the Consul for his kind advice and told him he would go back and report the conversation to the defendant. The Consul then said: "If he will call on me this afternoon I will tell him what I have told you—and more." When witness told the defendant what the Consul had said Lo asked: "What the devil has he got to do with it?" Witness then asked what he was to do since the dock had not been handed over and he was not allowed to work in the mint. Lo told him he could "sit in the office and pass the time away" until the dock had been handed over. About July 3 or 4 witness asked for his June salary and defendant said he was going to Hongkong in two or three days' time and would pay it to plaintiff's wife. The defendant did not, however, go to Hongkong, explaining that he was very busy, and, when approached again on the subject, he said his secretary was going to Hongkong and would pay the money to Mrs. Arnold. No money had been paid to plaintiff's wife and he had only received certain advances for food, etc., in Amoy which he had deducted in making his claim. During July he got a bad attack of fever and defendant told him he had better go to Hongkong. Witness he called on the defendant at the latter's Hongkong office he was offered \$240, "clear of everything." This he refused to accept. His Honour gave judgment for the plaintiff with costs.

WATER POLO.

TWO EXCITING MATCHES. AT V.R.C.

[Argus.]

At the V.R.C. swimming pool, last night, spectators were treated to two very close contests in the Hongkong Water Polo League. In the first match, the Kowloon British School Former Pupils' Association defeated King's "A" by 1 goal to nil. The score at half time was love all, but in the second half, after many strenuous tussles, Jack scored for the K.B.S.F.A. The King's goalie, specially in the second half, played a brilliant game. The sides were very evenly matched and the fact that there were six minutes' continuous play during the game testifies to the few breaches of the rules. The line-up: K. B. S. F. A.—Angus (goal); Hyde, A. Duncan (backs); Rasmussen (half-back); Ralton, Jack, C. Duncan (forwards).

King's (A):—Moore (goal); Hill, Kerney (backs); Proffitt (half-back); Paul, Parry, Jones (forwards).

Referee.—Mr. G. T. May.

A ROUGH GAME.

The second match, in which the opponents were the Lusitano Recreation Club and the United Athletic Club, was a very rough display. Mr. May, however, was equal to the occasion and handled the game with commendable skill. The two chief offenders were warned towards the end of the first half that further display of temper would entail their being ordered out of the bath; nevertheless a little less keenness to "get" the other man would have improved the game. The U.A.C. scored a soft point when Kent beat Rosa early in the first half. The L.R.C. then commenced a regular bombardment, but Garrod kept them out until a splendid individual effort by Marcel made the scores level just before the interval. In the second half, play was fairly even until Razavet, from a melleé in front of goal put the U.A.C. ahead. From then until the end, the L.R.C. had slightly the better of the game, but Garrod kept his goal intact.

The teams: U.A.C.—Garrod (goal); Razavet, Pereira (backs); Leonard (half back); Logan, Mason, Kent (forwards). L.R.C.—Rosa (goal); Soares, Silva (backs); Marcel (half back); Barros, Pereira, Cayvalho (forwards).

Referee.—Mr. G. T. May.

LONG KNIFE.

YOUNG JAPANESE WOMAN SLASHED.

SUSPECTED FAMILY QUARREL.

What is surmised to have been a family quarrel resulted in a young Japanese woman being slashed and stabbed about 11 o'clock this morning. The victim lives with her husband and his brother at the first floor of No. 37, Hollywood Road, not far from the main gate of the police headquarters.

It is alleged that her husband's brother suddenly attacked her with a long knife when she was sitting in the front parlour. She ran into the kitchen where she almost collapsed.

Meanwhile the brother is stated to have been disarmed, the knife being subsequently recovered in the street. A Chinese constable, arrived on the scene to find the brother in a straight-jacket. The prisoner went calmly to the central station where he was put in the charge-room dock. Here he seemed to be breathless and on the

verge of collapse, being unable to reply to the questions put to him. Detective Sergeant Dixon, and Chinese detectives soon reached the scene. First aid was rendered and the woman was taken to hospital in the motor-ambulance. Mr. C. G. Perdue, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence took charge on arrival. None of the household saw the beginning of the attack and no reason was forthcoming, it being stated that there had been no quarrel.

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Public Works Department, Hongkong, August 9, 1923.

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13th inst. will be subject to rent.All claims against the steamer must
be presented to the Undersigned on or
before the 23rd inst., or they will not
be recognized.All broken, chafed, and damaged
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Bowen Rd. (afterbeds)	839
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SWATOW TRADE.

REVENUE SHOWS INCREASE.

DESPITE STRIKE AND TYPHOON.

Reviewing trade conditions during 1922, the Commissioner of Customs (Mr. R. A. Currie) writes:—

The year was marked by two calamities which very seriously affected the trade of the port, namely, the seamen's strike and a disastrous typhoon, which account for the decrease of over 8 million taels in the net value of the trade of the port during the year. The seamen's strike began on the 21st January and ended on the 8th March, during which period business was paralysed, as the only steamers which ran regularly were two small Japanese vessels manned by Japanese (Formosan) crews, which carried little or no cargo. 21 steamers, manned by Chinese crews, which entered the port during the strike, were not allowed to leave till after the 8th March, their crews being taken ashore by the authorities.

The typhoon which occurred on the night of 2nd-3rd August was probably the worst that has ever struck one of the treaty ports, being accompanied by a tidal wave which swept through the town and over the surrounding country, destroying houses, dikes, and crops. It was a comparatively small typhoon as regards area, not more than about 40 miles in diameter, but its intensity was terrific. It began about 8 p.m. on the 2nd August with heavy north-east squalls, and the dead centre passed about 1.30 a.m. on the 3rd August, when the barometer fell to the almost unprecedented low reading of 27.53 inches, which was recorded by three independent observers. No complete barograph records were obtained, as the barograph charts do not go below 28 inches. The full in the dead centre lasted for about an hour, and the most violent squalls came from the south-west about 3 a.m., after the centre had passed and the barometer had begun to rise. After 4.30 a.m. the fury of the squalls abated gradually. The tidal wave swept over the Bund about 11.15 p.m. and the water began to recede about 2.30 a.m., after the centre had passed. Calculating from the water-marks on the Customs buildings, the water rose to a height of about 9 feet above high water ordinary spring tides. About 3,000 people were killed in Swatow by drowning or houses falling on them, while the death-roll in the low-lying country districts was enormous and is estimated at over 50,000. The British steamers "Shantung" and "Tungshing," which had gone down to the typhoon anchorage below the harbour, were driven ashore in Muddy Bay, and the Chinese steamer "Huaming," which was anchored above the harbour, was driven ashore behind Flower Island, above the Tathaopou Creek. All three steamers were successfully refloated before the end of the year. The cargo stored in the foreign and native godowns was almost all swept away or damaged, and many godowns were totally destroyed. About 40 per cent. of the sugar plantations were destroyed, and the orange groves were decimated. The damage done by the typhoon to the harvests of rice, sweet potatoes, etc., was not confined to the destruction of the crops in the ground at the time, for the salt left in the soil in the districts inundated by the tidal wave prevented the later plantings from thriving.

PRICE OF RICE.

The price of rice has fluctuated considerably during the year; it was about \$6 per picul at the beginning of the year, but, owing to the cessation of all supplies from China and abroad, the price rose to over \$3 per picul during the seamen's strike. Indeed, the stocks available were so inadequate that the Swatow Chamber of Commerce, fearing a famine, tried to prevail on the strike authorities not to interfere with the crews of vessels which brought only rice to the port, but without success. The first crop of rice was an excellent one, which brought down the price to \$7 per picul in spite of the high prices ruling in Amoy, but the destruction by the typhoon of practically all the stocks of rice as well as all other foodstuffs and live stock for many miles round forced the price

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHINESE DETECTIVES.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Dear Mr. Editor—There has been much talk in town regarding the shooting affair of the Chinese detective, which occurred last Tuesday morning, and I wonder when will the Police dress their Chinese detectives up differently, instead of dressing them all almost alike.

An ordinary Chinese in the street can easily tell a detective, not by his ways, but by his clothes. We usually see them in black clothes and trousers, with probably a sunhat or a panama hat. Why can't some of them be dressed up in European clothes now and then? As one who knocks about town a good deal and understands the dialect, I have often heard, sometimes in the streets and sometimes on tramcars, some Chinese saying "He is a chap-chai" (detective).

If the detectives are expected to do useful work, they must not be so easily distinguished. In fact I am beginning to wonder if the Chinese are getting to recognise some of the European detectives, who go about with sporting shirts and shorts, as they are often seen talking to their comrades in uniform. I hope the Authority will not lose any time to have more secrecy in the system.

Yours etc.,

OBSERVER.

Hongkong, August 9.

up temporarily to \$12 per picul. The enormous supplies which were rushed in from Hongkong to avert a famine enabled the price to be officially fixed at \$7 per picul, but this rose to \$8 per picul towards the end of the year, when the miserably poor second crop had been harvested and the officially fixed price withdrawn. The boycott of Japanese goods, which was imposed in June 1919 by the United Students' Association acting in co-operation with the Swatow Chamber of Commerce, and which had been so effectively enforced by fines and confiscations that Japanese goods had practically disappeared from the market, was publicly declared annulled by the local authorities in August, owing to its being discovered, when the Students' Association was called upon to devote to typhoon relief purposes the accumulated funds derived from fines on the merchants who had been caught dealing in Japanese goods, that the leading member of the Association had embezzled the money.

It is a remarkable evidence of the resources and business vitality of Swatow that, even under the adverse conditions created by the seamen's strike and the destructive typhoon mentioned above, the net revenue collected has not declined, but actually shows a small increase. H.K. Tls. 8,000 odd as compared with the figures for last year, after deducting the extraneous collection for famine relief surtax. As was to be expected from the destruction of local produce by the typhoon, export duties show a decrease of some H.K. Tls. 47,000, which, however, is more than made up by increases under imports and other headings.

SHIPPING.

The decrease of 199 vessels, 179,796 tons, in the vessels entered and cleared during the year as compared with last year's figures is accounted for by the seamen's strike, which paralysed shipping for over six weeks, but for which the steady annual increase of the past three years of some 400 vessels per year would doubtless have been maintained. With the cessation of the boycott against Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, this firm's steamers resumed their regular service, and many of the vessels which had been chartered to supply them by Chinese firms had to be withdrawn, the venture not having proved profitable. At the times of the great typhoon, also, facilities for the handling of goods such as cargo-boats, pontoons, etc., were destroyed, and for practically two weeks no ships entered or cleared. In the number and tonnage of vessels entering and clearing the small decline for the year, mentioned above, was fairly evenly distributed over the totals for all nationalities.

AMOY TRADE.

A DISTURBED YEAR.

The gross value of the trade of Amoy for the year 1922 was H.K. Tls. 31,900,422, a total which exceeds that for 1920 (H.K. Tls. 23,048,563) by fully H.K. Tls. 8,800,000, and has only once been surpassed during the decade, by the figures for 1921 (H.K. Tls. 31,986,053). As usual, there is an adverse balance of trade, and the difference against Amoy—the excess of imports—is larger than ever, amounting to H.K. Tls. 22,531,696, or \$33,797,544. While it may be assumed that the bulk of the deficit on the annual trade is met by the remittances of overseas Chinese, I do not consider that savings from the wages of Chinese labourers compose so great a share of the remittances as was formerly the case; for a constantly growing proportion of the remittances must represent part of the interest received from money invested by Fukienese in trade and property in foreign countries and in industrial undertakings, banks, etc., at Shanghai and other places in China, where, in recent years, wealthy Fukienese merchants have sunk much capital. A considerable number of overseas Fukienese now live in their native province or spend part of their time in China, whither they must bring part of their incomes to meet expenditure. Reliable data have been given regarding the great wealth of the rich overseas merchants, though I am not aware that any estimate has yet been made of the collective wealth of their fellow-provincials in foreign lands. Nevertheless, I think that it may safely be assumed that the total amount amassed must be very large and that it would be a conservative estimate to reckon it at not less than \$1,500,000,000. It is well-known that the Chinese in foreign countries, who are largely Fukienese, are very successful traders, that some of them are exceedingly wealthy, and that the resources of all have increased markedly in recent years. All the trade of South Fukien does not find its outlet through Amoy, owing, partly, to the conformation of the country, to better roads leading to other ports, etc.

POLITICAL DISTURBANCE.

The district around Tingchow for instance, is served from Swatow, and some of the more western parts from Foochow and Kiuikiang. Lately, too, the prevalence of brigandage in the interior has limited the area within which it was safe to engage in trade. In the early months of the year trade was very poor, owing to the seamen's strike at Hongkong and the continuance of the boycott against the steamers of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire. Both, happily, ended at the beginning of March, and at once the importation of cargo became exceptionally large. Trade during the June quarter was very satisfactory, shipping facilities were increased, and imports, particularly from foreign countries, were very good. On the other hand, the export trade was rather disappointing. During the September quarter trade continued excellent, so that there was a fair prospect of the year closing prosperously. Unfortunately, in October a military outbreak occurred in North Fukien, which resulted in the flight of Tsuchun Li Hou-chi, and political disturbances broke out in this area, continuing to the end of the year. Early in November Tsuchun Li returned to Amoy but shortly afterwards was forced to leave as he was unable to work in harmony with General Tsang Ching-ling. In December the troops of General Tsang, in combination with local levies and the Cantonese troops of General Hsu Ch'ung-chih, attacked and captured, in succession, the cities of Anhui and Chunchow. At this period Amoy itself was so disturbed that, for greater security the Bank of China and the Bank of China and South Seas moved their local offices to the International Settlement on Kiangsu. In November the suspension of the Bank of Fukien had caused serious loss to the people, and the consequent tightness of the money market, combined with the disturbed state of the country, practically stopped most branches of trade and greatly reduced the receipts of the revenue. This office in November opened a new Examination Shed for import cargo, which has relieved the congestion at the old Examination Shed and greatly facilitated the examination of cargo. A new motor road from Anhui to Chunchow was completed in the autumn and has proved to be of great benefit to the public. Other routes for modern roads have been surveyed, but the difficulty of finding funds to meet the necessary expenditure has so far stopped their construction. Little progress, too, has been made towards completing the Amoy ma-lu.

ROXOR

LOCAL SPORT.

REGIMENTAL SOCCER.

KING'S LEAGUE COMPETITION.

A full programme of matches has been played since the report last week and the competition is now nearing the end.

As expected No. 2 Group, who have a very strong side, have won the league championship; and the Headquarters Wing win the Battalion Cup as the number of points already obtained by them cannot be equalled by any other Company.

Although the league championship has been decided the interest in the matches is still maintained and the rivalry between Platoons of Companies is very much in evidence.

On Friday No. 4 Group accounted for a strong side from No. 9 Platoon by the only goal of the match, and No. 10 Platoon beat No. 7 Platoon by two clear goals.

No. 3 Group, who did very badly in the opening part of the competition, astonished themselves by playing No. 1 Group to a goalless draw on Saturday and by beating No. 4 Group on Wednesday afternoon by one goal to nil.

No. 11 Platoon were very fortunate to beat No. 1 Platoon on Saturday afternoon by one goal to nil.

No. 2 Group obtained the point required to make the Championship secure by playing a drawn game with one goal each with No. 4 Group on Sunday afternoon. Good football was impossible during this match as play was continued in torrents of rain.

No. 3 Platoon accounted for No. 12 Platoon on Monday afternoon and on the same afternoon No. 13 Platoon vanquished No. 14 Platoon by two goals to one after a very hard fought game in which the issue was in doubt until the final whistle sounded.

No. 9 Platoon beat No. 15 Platoon by two goals to nil on Tuesday and No. 1 Group who are now favourites for the runners-up position beat No. 7 Platoon by three goals to one.

No. 4 Platoon went down to No. 6 Platoon on Wednesday afternoon and on Thursday afternoon No. 8 Platoon played No. 1 Platoon to a draw and No. 11 Platoon beat No. 15 Platoon by four goals to nil.

LEAGUE TABLE.

Results to August 2.

TEAMS.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	GOALS.
No. 2 G.	17	15	2	0	42	19	32
No. 1 G.	17	11	4	2	38	17	26
No. 4 G.	17	10	4	3	39	15	24
No. 11 P.	18	9	5	4	32	13	23
No. 5 P.	17	9	4	4	32	20	22
No. 10 P.	17	9	4	4	22	15	22
No. 9 P.	18	9	3	6	28	18	21
No. 13 P.	17	6	6	5	18	16	18
No. 1 P.	18	6	6	6	21	19	18
No. 14 P.	17	5	7	5	22	18	17
No. 3 P.	17	6	5	6	19	25	17
No. 6 P.	17	7	2	8	27	27	16
No. 12 P.	18	4	8	6	15	19	16
No. 3 G.	18	6	2	10	18	31	14
No. 15 P.	18	4	4	10	13	33	12
No. 4 P.	17	3	4	10	19	27	10
No. 16 P.	16	2	6	8	11	26	10
No. 7 P.	17	3	3	11	25	29	9
No. 2 P.	16	3	3	10	8	30	9
No. 8 P.	17	3	2	12	13	41	8

N.B.—G—group; P—Platoon.

WEEK'S RESULTS.

TEAMS.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	GOALS.
No. 4 G.	1	0	0	1	9	0	0
No. 10 P.	2	0	0	7	7	0	0
No. 3 G.	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
No. 11 P.	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
No. 4 G.	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
No. 3 P.	2	0	0	12	0	0	0
No. 13 P.	2	0	0	14	0	0	0
No. 9 P.	2	0	0	15	0	0	0
No. 1 G.	3	0	0	7	0	0	0
No. 6 P.	3	0	0	4	0	0	0
No. 3 G.	1	0	0	4	0	0	0
No. 1 P.	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
No. 11 P.	4	0	0	15	0	0	0

Points obtained towards Battalion Football Cup—

Headquarters Wing.	96 points.
"C" Company.	82 points.
"D" Company.	57 points.
"B" Company.	55 points.
"A" Company.	54 points.

During the past two years (dates the local Commissioner of Customs in the course of his trade report for 1922) ambitious schemes have been on foot for the widening of certain principal streets in Swatow, largely inspired by General Chen Ch'ung-ling and intended to be carried out by his municipal appointees. The contemplated improvements are very necessary, and a certain amount was done (property owners concerned suffering heavily therefrom), but the chronic lack of money held up the work during the past year. Highways to the interior have also been projected, and a Commission appointed, which included some returned students of ability. Fairly extensive surveys have been carried out, the principal route to run between Swatow and Canton, but again lack of funds and political upheavals have stopped all work. The project to build a water-front has made no progress, but it would seem to be merely a question of time when it will eventually be realised.

OUR VILLAGE.

SIDELIGHTS CROSSING THE POND.

(Continued.)

An instance of the paternal care our local council bestows on us and how it supplies our needs, was forthcoming a day or so ago.

Despite the fact that we have a fairly large pond in the middle of our village, the lack of knowledge about ships and nautical affairs generally, shown by the majority of the village inhabitants is deplorable.

Our council probably knew this, and to enable these people to remedy somewhat their lack of knowledge, a day or so ago, a ship was thoughtfully provided to enable them to observe it at close quarters, and gain information therefrom. These who saw the Japanese ship stationary near the railway and ferry piers probably did not realise that a thoughtful council had provided it for instructional purposes. It surely must have been the reason that the vessel was seen in that particular position, for it is absurd to think that the council would allow a sandbank to form right in the fairway, and endanger vessels. Or if one did form, the council would immediately get to work with one of their modern dredgers and remove the obstruction. Some people say that the council does not possess modern dredgers.

Such people are woefully misinformed. I have it on good authority that the council possesses the dredgers but has handed them over to the Public Works Department for a while.

I heard this on a Ferry boat the other evening.

Male Passenger. "Why, I say, there is a ship stopped! I wonder what she has stopped for."

Looks at the vessel with hand-shaded eyes in the true nautical style.

"I think she is out of control."

As the Ferry gets nearer he bends down to adjust his angle of vision.

"She looks as though she is out of control."

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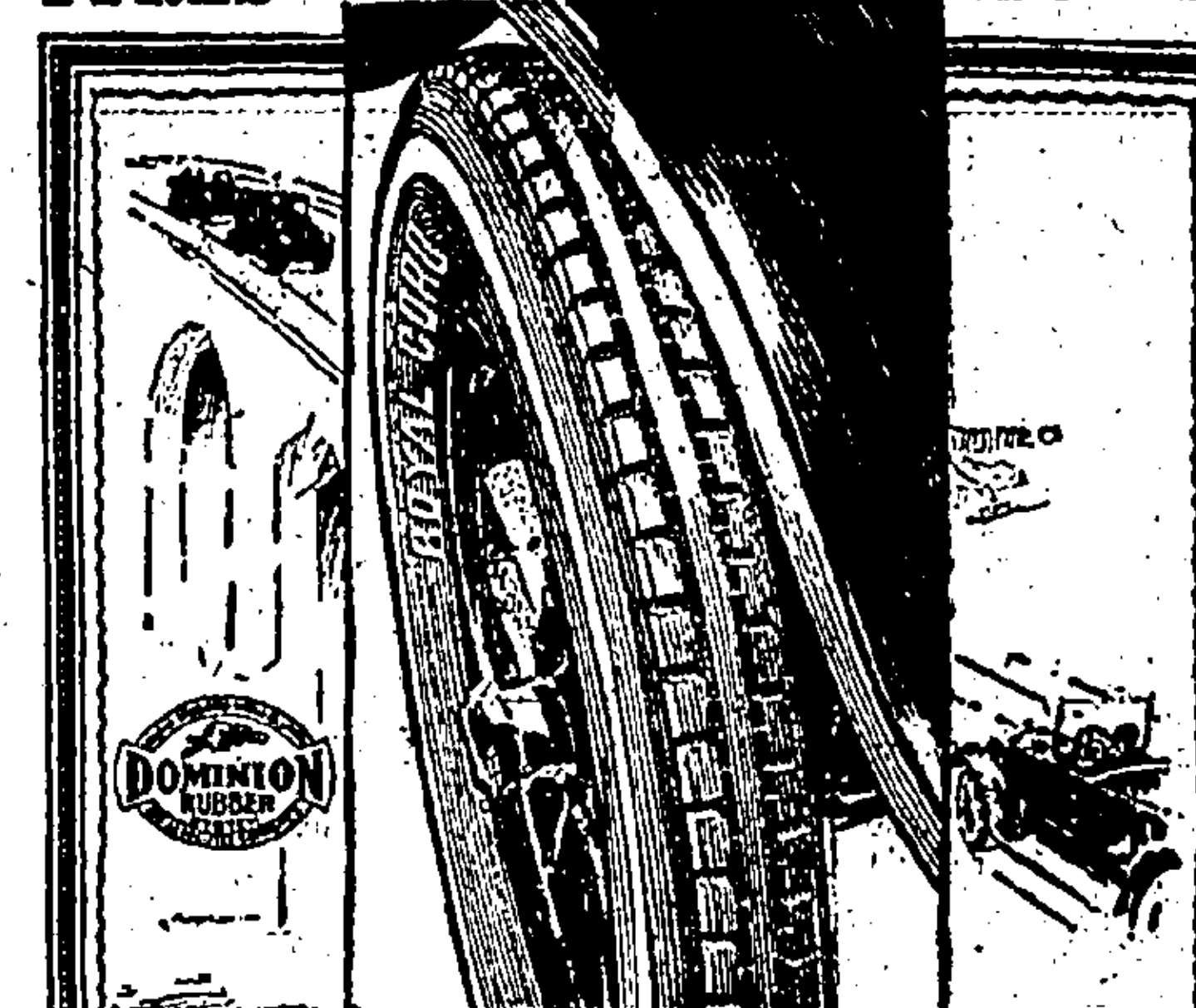
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TENNIS TOPICS.

LOCAL PLAYERS' PLAY
ANALYSED.

The Tennis league was wound up on Saturday last at the I.R.C. At Home when the Winners of the League fortunately beat the Rest by the narrow margin of 1 game, thanks to H.D. and O. Rumjahn who secured 25 games out of 33. Although play was not up to championship form it was a really good exhibition taking weather conditions into consideration. A few remarks on the Rest team may be permissible.

Ng Sze Kwong—The Colony's champion is decidedly in a class by himself, possessing a great variety of strokes. Though he is not as a champion might be, he can always extricate himself from any difficulties in a match and is at his best in a crisis.

M. W. Lo—For many years our runner-up in the championship is

on the decline. He possesses a strong forehand drive, and an effective smash, but his services have not been too often. He will have to work hard to emulate his past performances.

R. E. Worthington—Has a simple style but he gets the points. A follower of court-craft, he has a good command of the ball. Forward drives and over-head returns are his speciality.

H. Hancock—Was a good player in his young days and is still a formidable opponent in doubles. He has a good service and a useful cut in his back-hand returns which are difficult to take. He is generally handicapped by his eyesight.

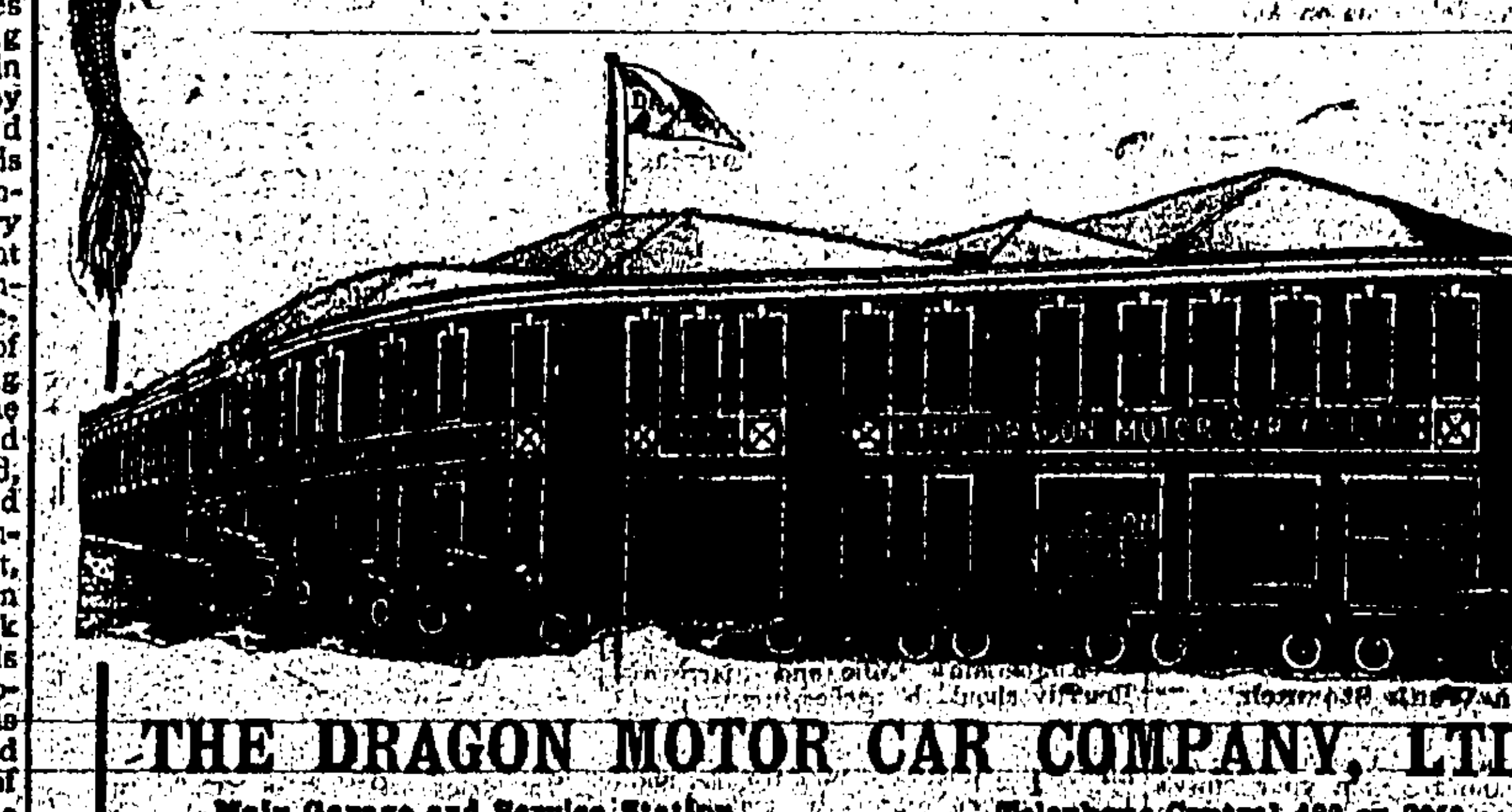
A. B. Raworth—An active man on the tennis court who takes a lot of beating. His mode of attack is his forehand drive and at times he smashes well.

E. R. S. Dods—Will make a good player in time, but at present erratic especially in his drives, many of which go wide of the court. I should advise him to utilise his height as often as possible.

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CHINA COAST, ETC.

SWATOW.

Aug. 12.—O. N. S. S. Suiyang.
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SHANGHAI.

Aug. 11.—N. Y. K. Iyo Maru.
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ANTUNG.

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TAKAO.

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DAIREN.

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KEELUNG.

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NEWCHWANG.

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TIENTSIN.

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BANGKOK.

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Oct. 5.—P. & O. Mantua.
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5.—B. F. Agapenor.
15.—N. D. L. Wager.
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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, ETC.

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SANDAKAN.

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CEBU, ILOILO & ZAMBOANGA.

Aug. 16.—O. N. S. Suiyang.
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JAVA PORTS, ETC.

Aug. 15.—N. Y. K. Suiyang.
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INDIAN PORTS, ETC.

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CALCUTTA.

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PENANG.

Aug. 22.—P. & O. Mantua.
22.—E. A. Afrika.
22.—B. F. Agapenor.
22.—N. D. L. Wager.
22.—P. & O. Soudan.
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BOMBAY AND COLOMBO.

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AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

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SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

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VANCOUVER, ETC.

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VICTORIA.

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AMERICAN PASSENGER'S ARMS.

DECEIVING THE POLICE.

Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police, prosecuted in an arms case before Mr. C. D. Melbourne this morning, the defendant being an American named W. Robillard of No. 11, Cameron Road, Kowloon. A summons was taken out in respect of defendant having in his possession on the arrival of the s.s. "President Taft" on July 23, two revolvers, one automatic and 220 rounds of ammunition.

Opening the case, Mr. Wolfe said that Sergeant Langley, while searching the luggage of first-class passengers on the ship's arrival at the Kowloon Godowns, asked three men who were occupying a cabin together, if they had anything to declare. One of them (not defendant) replied "What do you mean?" The sergeant explained that he was referring to anything in the shape of arms. When questioned, defendant said that he had one revolver, but the other arms were discovered when his luggage was searched.

Mr. Wolfe referred to the finding of the rounds. The sergeant, on closer inspection, found that they were not for revolvers but for automatic pistols. He then continued his search and found the automatic. The C.S.P. contended that Robillard endeavored to deceive the officer. That was why the summons had been taken out. There were really two reasons for bringing this prosecution, one being that if defendant had needed weapons for self-protection, one revolver would have sufficed. The other reason was that on the advice of the Police Magistrate, notices had been posted on the various trans-Pacific liners regarding possession of arms in Hongkong. The attempt to deceive had led to this case.

SEARCH OF THE CABIN. Giving evidence, Sergeant H.W. Langley said that at 3.30 p.m., on July 23, he boarded the ship and conducted a search among the first-class passengers. In cabin No. 11, which was occupied by three passengers, he put a plain question "I wish to search the luggage; have you anything to declare?" Two of the passengers replied "Nothing," one of them then said that his job was to look for firearms.

After searching one, defendant said that he had one revolver and some ammunition, but he was not sure which box it was in. Witness proceeded to look for the arms and his first discovery was some 144 ammunition. In the same box he also came across some 138 ammunition. These did not fit a revolver and after a further search he found the magazine of a "Savage" automatic. He held it up to defendant and asked where the other parts of the pistol were. Defendant turned away without replying and produced the clip. Witness asked if that was all and

defendant said "Yes." A report was then made to the Criminal Intelligence Department. By Mr. Wolfe: Did defendant show any hesitation in revealing where this automatic was?—Yes. Did he find it eventually?—Yes, he found it.

Did he take long to find it?—I did not look at him while he was finding it. He produced it to me when it was found. By the Magistrate: As regards this automatic, did he tell you where it was before you searched? No, your Worship.

KNOW THE ROPES. Defendant: I would like to ask how I could have taken out a permit if he had taken all the arms from me before I could get ashore. Sergeant Langley: Defendant is an ex-officer of the s.s. "Nile" which I understand was sold in America for liabilities. He had been in Hongkong many times and I believe that by this time defendant knew the regulations as regards arms.

Replying to a query by the Magistrate, defendant said that he intended to get a permit as soon as he arrived, but he had no time. Mr. Wolfe rejoined that defendant must have known that he must have a permit. He could have made arrangements for a permit to be obtained before bringing the arms here. He knew the requirements of the Colony as regards arms, and could have arranged through the American Consul to have the arms brought to the police pending issue of a permit. It was the same in the United States. If he (Mr. Wolfe) went there with a revolver he would get into serious trouble unless he made arrangements for a permit through the San Francisco Consul.

Defendant then stated that the reason for his hesitation was that he had five pieces of luggage, three suitcases and two boxes, which had been packed for a month. He was not sure which one the arms were in and he did not see why he should be blamed as he intended to get a permit when he arrived.

Asked if he would like to call the other passengers who overheard the conversation as witnesses, defendant replied that it would make no difference.

The C.S.P. then said that as defendant already had one revolver on the s.s. "Nile" he hardly wanted three more for protection. Defendant replied that one of the weapons was for himself. One was brought for the second officer of the s.s. "Hydrangea" and the third was for a Customs man in Swatow named Mr. Hall.

Mr. Wolfe remarked that they had had considerable trouble and Europeans had been sent to jail. Defendant could have taken steps to cover himself as he was not a stranger.

His Worship then imposed a fine of \$250 or three months' imprisonment.

A Reuter cable from London states that Mr. Bonar Law, former British Premier, who resigned when his health gave way, has much improved. He goes to the Continent to-morrow.

WATER SUPPLY.
RIDER MAIN REQUEST GRANTED.

An advertisement, signed by Mr. Jackman as Water Authority, notifies the public that, on and after Monday next, a constant supply of water will be turned on in all rider-main districts until further notice.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.
ARRIVALS.

Sunland, (C. Bodicker) from Antwerp—Kowloon Wharf.
Calcutta Maru, (N.Y.K.) from Moji—Kowloon Wharf.
Lyons Maru, (N.Y.K.) from Singapore—Kowloon Wharf.
Suiyang, (B. & S.) from Swatow—B12.

Kaping, (Sing Kee) from Pak-hoi—West Point.
Chekiang, (B. & S.) from Chefoo—C14.
West Jessup, (Arnhold) from Shanghai—B26.

DEPARTURES.

Hai Ching, (Douglas & Co.) for Swatow—August 8.

Wingsang, (J. M. & Co.) for Manila—August 8.

Hok Canton, (Hongon) for Kwong Chow Wan—August 8.

Pasat, (Kwong Mow Tai) for Newchwang—August 8.

Sze Chuen, (B. & S.) for Amoy—August 8.

Lyons Maru, (N. Y. K.) for Shanghai—August 8.

Calcutta Maru, (N. Y. K.) for Singapore—August 8.

Telemachus, (Wo Fat Sing) for Saigon—August 10.

Tjibodas (J.C.L.) for Amoy—August 10.

West Jessup (Arnhold) for Manila—August 10.

Nanyo Maru (Y.K.K.) for Hoihow—August 10.

Japan (B.I.S.N.) for Amoy—August 10.

Sangola (B.I.S.N.) for Yokohama—August 10.

Japan (Sved. Trad.) for Shanghai—August 10.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A Peking message to the Daily Bulletin states that H. E. Senhor Batalha de Freitas, doyen of the Corps Diplomatique, returned to Peking yesterday.

Ivan Bankoff and Beth Cannon are at present in the Colony on their way to Singapore and Java. These two artists have had successful seasons in Manila, Shanghai and Japan in a specialty feature called "The Dancing Master."

The death has occurred at his residence at Java-road Singapore, of Syed Alwi Alsagoff, the well-known Straits sportsman. The deceased, who is a member of the well-known family of Alsagoffs, the oldest Arabs resident in Singapore, was a popular figure at almost all the race meetings in the S.S. and F.M.S.

FOOD PRICES.
HONGKONG SITUATION EXPLAINED.

HOW THE CONSUMER PAYS.

Although imports are still far below normal, Hongkong housekeepers have the satisfaction of knowing that poultry prices have dropped about thirty per cent. below the highest point touched last week. This morning's wholesale prices at the depots were about 75 cents per catty or 66 cents per pound for the better grade of chickens and fowls while ducks fetched 44 cents a catty or 38 cents a pound. The travelling dealers who bring down produce from the up-country still report difficulties in trading. Above Wuchow, conditions are comparatively quiet. But before produce can reach the river steamer, several payments have to be made. Along the river and land routes, both military and banditry demand "safe escort" gratuities for so much per junk load. At Wuchow, the local authorities collect \$8 per catty on fowls and \$6 per catty on ducks as an "export levy." Trade can be carried on but all these payments add to the cost.

The price of pork has also come down. Prices at the market to-day were about 70 cents per catty for best cuts and about 55 cents for others. The guild is still restricting killing about two or three animals being apportioned to each stall as against one to every two stalls last week. Supplies from up-country and outposts are coming in regularly.

It is stated that a good many of the froward merchants who depend mostly on Wuchow for their supplies are exploiting the public. Prices soared when supplies were cut off some time ago but every in-coming ship is now bringing in fair quantities and there is no reason for the extraordinary prices charged. It is true that expenses, levies and freights are higher but there is no doubt that something extra has been tacked on.

FROM FAR EAST.

THOSE FRENCH BANK COMPLAINTS.

HONGKONG ATTITUDE.

A Reuter cable having been received from Paris this morning stating that complaints are still coming in from clients of the Banque Industrielle de Chine in the Far East, and that each complaint is being investigated by a specially appointed commission in the country inhabited by the complainant, a China Mail reporter interviewed Mr. H. J. Silva, local Secretary for the Union of Depositors in the Banque Industrielle de Chine. Mr. Silva stated that no complaints had been forwarded to Paris through the Union. The offer made to local depositors was tantamount to saying: "take it or leave it" and further agitation seemed useless in view of past experience. "Since the failure of the Banque," said Mr. Silva, "the management has rigidly adhered to a policy of procrastination and there appears little likelihood of this policy being abandoned. The only thing to do is to wait until we are paid, exasperating as the delay is."

CORRESPONDENCE.

ARMS.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Dear Sir,—On Tuesday, the 7th inst., a Chinese detective lost his life in the faithful performance of his duty.

On Thursday the 9th inst. a Chinese individual who was caught with a Mauser pistol and ammunition on his person was sentenced to 6 WEEKS imprisonment.

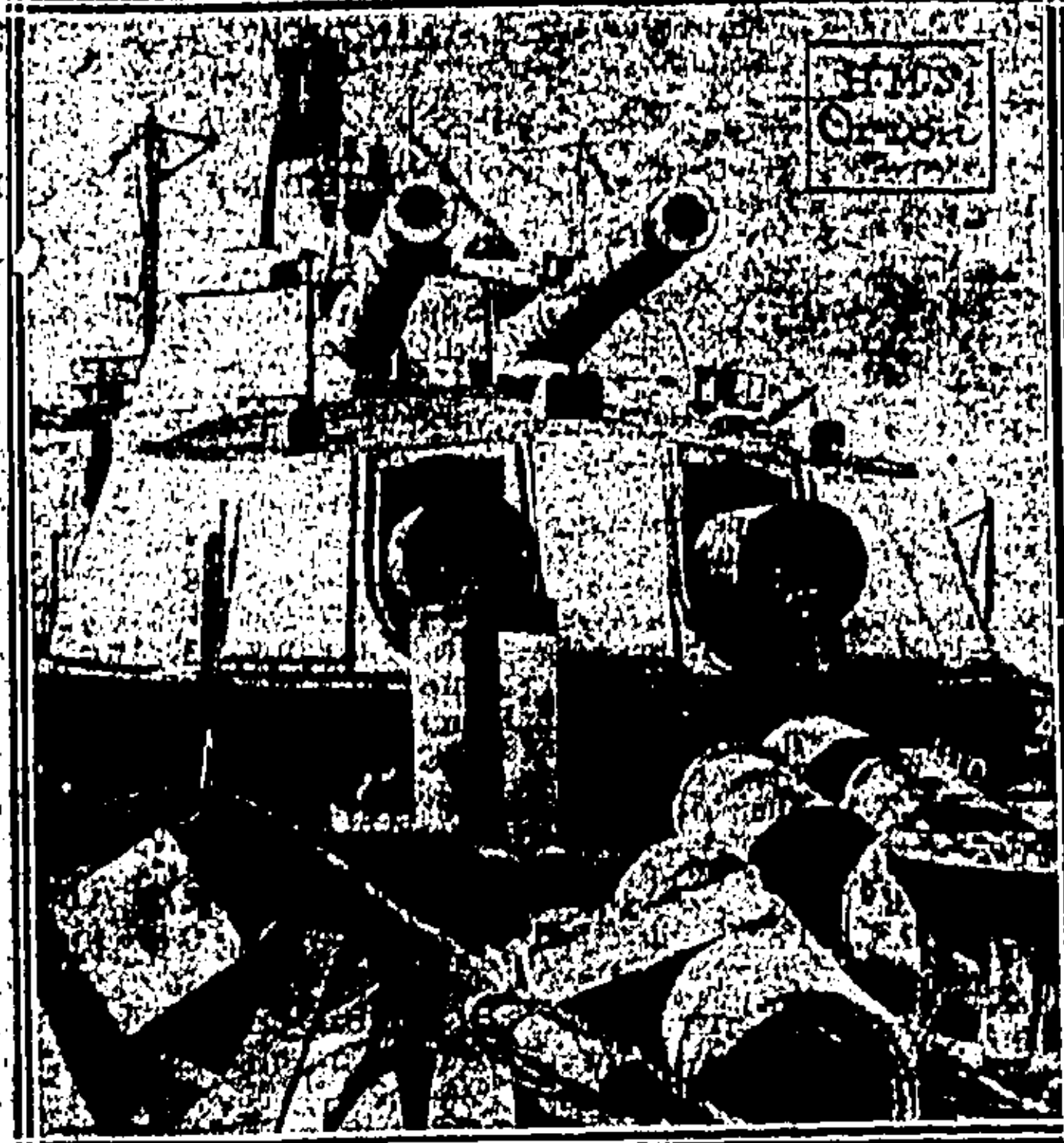


Margaret Lawrence, wife of Wallace Eddinger.

Wallace Eddinger and Margaret Lawrence, well-known stage stars, have filed applications for a marriage licence in London. Miss Lawrence formerly was the wife of Lieutenant-Commander Orson Nunn, of the United States Navy.



Dr. Alexis Carrel, of the Rockefeller Institute, has left on the steamship "Paris" for a two months' vacation at his little villa in Brittany, France. He has earned it, for he has laboured unremittingly for years in the interests of humanity. Dr. Carrel is one of the world's most famous surgeons and is a former winner of the Nobel Prize for medicine.



Nearly 100 dreadnoughts and destroyers of the British Navy have been withdrawn from active service and have been sold under the auctioneers' hammers for breaking up. Included in the last sale was the famous dreadnought "Orion" that led the British battle-line when the fleet sailed into action against the German fleet off Jutland. Razor blades are to be made from the best steel plates of the huge ship.



Mrs. Onezime de Bouchelle & Asa G. Candler.

Asa G. Candler, the Coca Cola king and philanthropist, who is being sued by Mme. Onezime de Bouchelle, New Orleans society leader, for breach of promise, startled his friends by quietly marrying Mrs. May L. Ragin, a public stenographer, herself a widow with two children. Candler met Mrs. de Bouchelle while she was matron for the maids of honour at a United Confederate Veterans' reunion in Atlanta and became engaged to her, but later refused to marry, and to clear her name she sued.



Malcolm Price, Paul and Forrest Curraway.

Left to right are: Malcolm T. Price, son of Dr. T. M. Price, of the United States Department of Health, Washington, D. C., and Paul and Forrest Curraway, sons of the United States Senator from Arkansas. The youngsters have signed as bellhops on the liner "George Washington," sailing from New York for Bremen and return, and will probably spend their entire vacation at sea, with their parents' consent. Officially the lads were listed as junior stewards, which gives them a more dignified title.



The "woman" arrested and with as "Mrs. Francis Carrick," charged with the murder of Richard O. Tesmer, insurance man, who was shot dead by a "woman" bandit when he sought to save his wife's wedding ring from highwaymen, has turned out to be "Fred Thompson," a man, a drug addict, who for years posed as the wife of Francis Carrick, but who often appeared in his real male garb. He was positively identified by Mrs. Tesmer. The photographs of Thompson, posing as both a man and a woman, were found in his apartment.



Alfred Haimovitch, the first of the passengers on the Shanghai-Peking Railroad train that was held up by Chinese bandits to reach America, has arrived in San Francisco. He declared he jumped through a broken window and walked five miles, barefoot in his pajamas, to Lincheng, sending the alarm to Shanghai. Joseph Rothman, a British subject, who attempted to escape at the same time, was shot, dying in Haimovitch's arms.



Dr. N. W. Hollenbeck, to save the life of a woman patient, Mrs. Gocia Horton, gave a pint of his blood after she had suffered a relapse following childbirth. Then the physician himself became ill, and Mrs. Horton's husband, Lisle Horton, who had also given blood to his wife, offered to do the same thing for the doctor.

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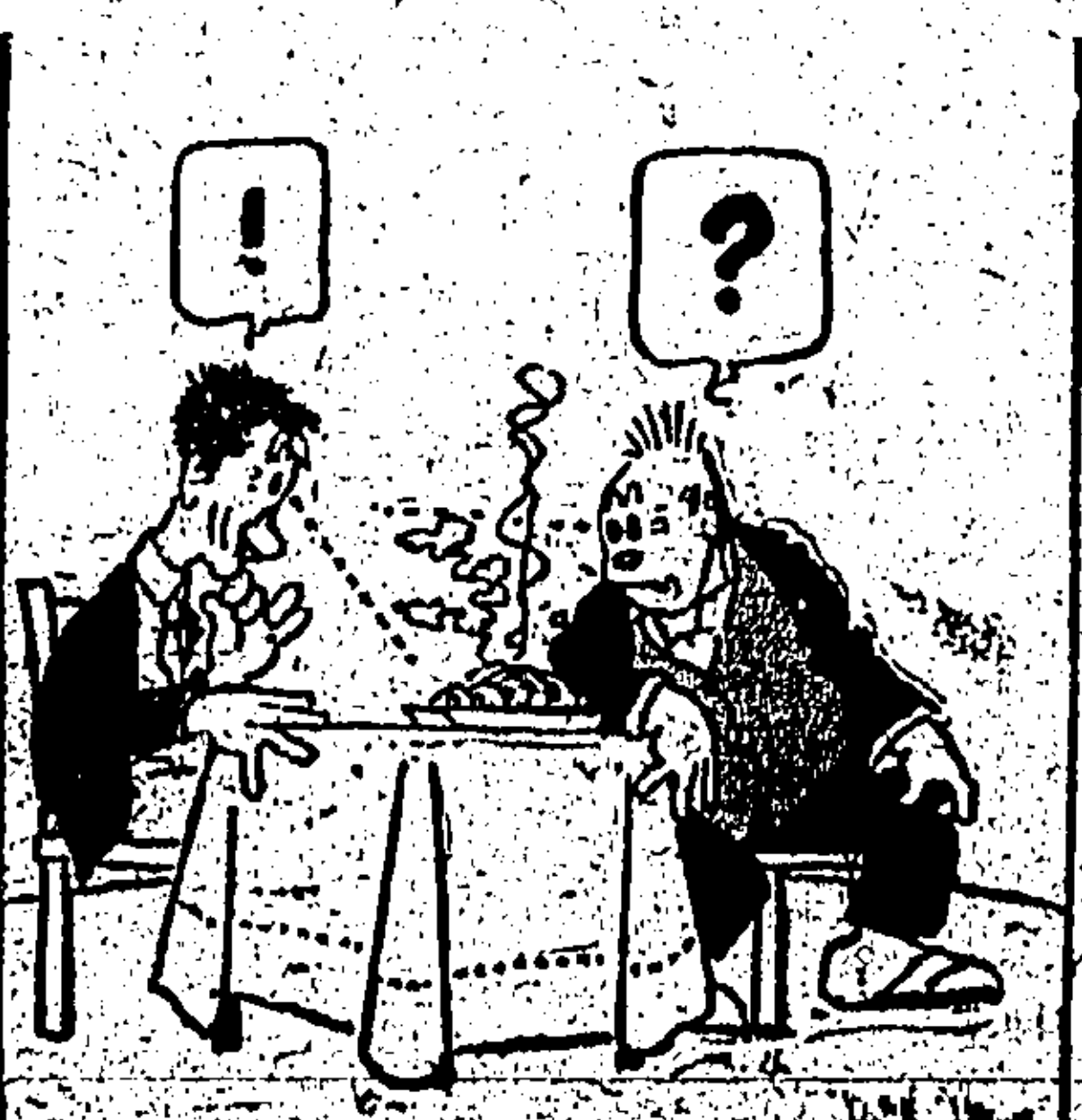
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The tide-table given below has been
compiled at the National Almanac Office
in London from the result of the analysis
of observations taken by means of an
automatic tide-recording machine in the
Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui
during the years 1905-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with
the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty
chart which has been found to be 4 feet
below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the
tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard
add 1 foot 4 inches, and on the gauge
at Lamou Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet
to the height given in the table.

HONGKONG REGISTER.

Barometer ... 29.44 ... 29.41 ... 29.40
Temperature ... 80 ... 83 ... 84
Humidity ... 80 ... 88 ... 83
Direction of Wind ... W ... Calm ... Calm
Force ... 2 ... 0 ... 0
Weather ... 0 ... 0 ... 0
Rain ... 0.00 ... 0.00 ... 0.18

August 4 to 10, 1923.

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Waterlevels in English Feet at 8 a.m.

Place of Observation ... Highest ... Lowest ...
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WEATHER REPORT.

August 9d 18h 50m—Warning to
Hongkong, Coast Ports, etc.—Dep-
ression or typhoon of unknown
intensity within 120 miles Lat 23
N. Long 125 E. moving N.W.

August 10d 8h 45m—Warning to
Hongkong Coast Ports, etc.—A
severe typhoon within 50 miles of
Lat 23 N Long 123 E. moving
W.N.W.

August 10d 11d 25m—Warning to
Hongkong, Coast Ports, etc.—A
severe typhoon within 30 miles of
Lat 23 N Long 124 E., moving
N.N.W.

August 10d 11h 32m—Pressure
has decreased very considerably at
Ishikajima, considerably over Kwang-
tung and slightly over Kwang-
tung and Indo-China. It has in-
creased slightly over the Philip-
pines.

Observations received from For-
mosa at 8 16 a.m. indicated that
the typhoon was near Lat. 22 N.
and Long. 123 E., but observation
received from Ishikajima at
10 55 a.m. showed that the centre
was passing over or very near this
station at 5 a.m. this morning, on
an N. or N.N.W. track.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.01 inch.
Total since January 1st, 52.25 inches.
Forecast for the 24 hours ending at
noon on August 11, 1923.

1—Formosa Channel. Cyclonic gales,
moderating.

2—South coast of China between
Formosa and Lintao. W. winds,
strong, moderating.

3—Honkong to Gar Rook. W. winds
moderate, generally cloudy.

4—South coast of China between
Hongkong and Hainan. W. winds,
moderate, generally cloudy.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY,
HONGKONG.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT

AUGUST 10, 1923.—a.m.

Station ... Rain ... Barometer ...
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Manila ... 0.00 ... 29.40 ...

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